

GROUP GUIDE - WEEK 2



Gen 12:10-13:18

This week we're going to explore how we as believers trust God, and how this leads us to consequently love people. We'll end in some practical love in the form of "Clothe the Cold" where as a group we will bless loads of people in warming them up this winter, remember to follow the brief you received last week.

NB! Please remind your small group members to bring their clothes to small group on Wednesday. Make it a fun packing event and please take photos and upload it to the Common Good facebook page.

BRIEF WHOLE GROUP CONVERSATION (10 MINUTES)

Abram was promised the land of Canaan from God, but as soon as trouble came he left for Egypt where he made a number of decisions that showed his lack of trust in God.

First read Genesis 12:10-16

FOR DISCUSSION

- Name some things Abram did that show a lack of trust in God. Also discuss what the ramifications may have been for him, consider his marriage, his witness and more.
- Discuss some things that we do as people because we lack trust in God.
- Why would a lack of trust in God cause in us a lack of love towards other people?

Verses 17-20 show how God mercifully exposes your sin in order to restore you. Can any one attest to this being true in their own life, like it was with Abram?

- God seeks to encourage you with wonderful promises as He did with Abram in Vs14-18. What promises of God have you maybe forgotten that have caused a lack of faith as well as a lack of love for people?

CLOTHE THE COLD

If you haven't already done so, unpack and sort out the clothing that your group have brought to contribute to clothe the cold in Cape Town this winter. Why not pray before or after and ask God to use your contribution profoundly. Also ask him for a heart of empathy and love for those who have less material possession than you do.

HOW TO PREPARE



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40 days with Abraham, the devotional, will be brilliant reading in preparation. Simply look through days 6-9 (Pg15-20) to submerge yourself in the beauty of this passage and it's power to transform.

We are really trusting as elders that this will be a key time for our church to deepen their roots in the ancient story that is God's, and that our hearts will swell with the magnitude of the quest that we believers have embarked upon as we begin to see how all sufficient our God is.

Try bring the clothe the cold campaign into the night in a way that links God's promise to Abram to bless the world through him to the deeds that you are doing as a group.

Remember to laugh and have fun as you bring glory to Christ in any way possible.

NB. This is the last week before you take a suggested 3 week break, so don't forget to communicate that to the group and make the necessary plans.